

**May 8, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Detroit Legal News: Sentencing challenges before MSC in oral arguments today**

"Three criminal cases round out the Michigan Supreme Court's scheduled oral arguments of the 2012-2013 term. In two of those cases, People v Glenn and People v Hardy, the defendants seek to reduce their sentences.... In the remaining case, Kenney v Booker, the defendant appeals the revocation of his parole."

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**Also see:**

**Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court: Summaries of cases to be argued before the Michigan Supreme Court**

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**Macomb County Legal News: High court takes up sentencing challenges**

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**Sentencing challenges before Michigan Supreme Court in oral arguments tomorrow**

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**Your Daily Globe/Ironwood: The Honorable William G. Cloon Jr.**

"The Honorable William Graham Cloon Jr., 82, of Ironwood, known as Bill to everyone, retired Ironwood attorney and former 98th District Court and 32nd Circuit Court judge of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, passed away Friday, May 3, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette."

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**The Daily Press/ Escanaba: County steps up security**

"The Delta County Board of Commissioners has decided to move forward in implementing many security measures at the Delta County Courthouse. The board approved several safety and security improvements Tuesday that go into effect today."

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**Detroit Legal News: Hamtramck offers citywide amnesty program in May (third article)**

"The City of Hamtramck and the 31st District Court are teaming up to offer a month long amnesty program titled, 'Make It Right In May.' This program runs from May 1 to May 31 and is designed to encourage individuals and businesses to 'make right' any outstanding violations they may have with the city or the court."

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**Detroit Legal News: DMBA and Foundation have 3 events coming up soon**

"The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the DMBA Foundation have three signature events coming up in the next few months.... The [June 1] event benefits For The Seventh Generation's work supporting Metro Detroit's foster children, foster families, and children aging out of the foster care system."

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**Grand Rapids Legal News: Grand Rapids Legal News: Law Day celebration draws full house from legal community**

"The Grand Rapids Bar Association (GRBA) and Thomas M. Cooley Law School joined together once again to celebrate Law Day, celebrated nationally on May 1, but scheduled in Kent County this year on April 30.... Kris Vanden Berg, GRBA President-Elect, introduced the Hon. Sara J. Smolenski as this year's winner of the Donald R. Worsfold Distinguished Service Award."

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### **Greater Lansing Woman: Greater Lansing Woman of the Year finalist: Mary Pat Jaracz: 'When she's on your side, you simply cannot lose'**

"There's a certain amount of honesty Mary Pat Jaracz has when talks about her volunteering.... And yes, there's more. She's also a docent — or tour guide — at the Michigan Supreme Court."

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### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson residents, business owners continue to fight to overturn two-year-old stormwater fee**

"Jackson officials continue to meet backlash over a stormwater fee passed by City Council more than two years ago.... The lawsuit is currently in the Michigan Court of Appeals and the plaintiffs cite a 1998 Michigan Supreme Court decision that held a similar stormwater fee in Lansing was a tax, and therefore illegal under the Headlee Amendment of the state constitution."

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### **The MiLW Blog: Muskegon County attorney facing coke charge can represent defendant**

"The Michigan Attorney Discipline Board has allowed Terry Joel Nolan, a prominent Muskegon County criminal-defense attorney who's facing a cocaine charge, to represent a murder defendant whose trial starts next week.... Nolan's law license has not been suspended, as the ADB will make a decision on that only after Nolan's drug case has been resolved."

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### **The Mining Journal/Marquette: Improved courthouse security sought**

"Judges are recommending the Marquette County Board reconsider improvements to security at the Marquette County Courthouse, including limiting the number of entrances and screening those entering the building for weapons. The request was made to the county board in an April 25 letter written by Marquette County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Mazzuchi, which was signed by Mazzuchi and circuit court Judge Thomas Solka, district court judges Dennis Girard and Roger Kangas and probate court Judge Cheryl Hill."

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### **MLive.com: Grosse Pointe Park's Bob Bashara indigent, appointed public defender**

"Grosse Pointe Park's Bob Bashara is on trial for the murder of his wife, 56-year-old Jane Bashara in January of 2012, and it will be the public who pays his attorney fees. Bashara was represented by a public defender this week when he appeared for a preliminary examination that was adjourned until Aug. 19."

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### **Oakland County Legal News: Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference: Event focused on appellate advocacy in the 21st century**

"... The welcome session featured remarks from Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Judge William B. Murphy, and Foundation Co-Chair Mary Massaron Ross.... Also during the lunch, [former Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk] Sandra Schultz Mengel was

presented with the organization's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award, given to those who have made a significant contribution to the profession as a member of the Appellate Practice Section."

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### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: Bomb threat called in to 19th District Court by man upset over ticket**

"The bomb threat made against 19th District Court on [last] Thursday was by a man who was upset over a ticket, according to a transcript of the 911 call released by police. The threat was called in on a cellphone at about 1:20 p.m.... [Officers and a bomb-sniffing dog] didn't find anything suspicious, and the building, 16077 Michigan Ave., was reopened just after 2 p.m."

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### **Saginaw News: Police: Fake cancer diagnosis, \$94k insurance fraud results in arrest of Sanilac County woman**

"A 38-year-old Sanilac County woman is facing six felony charges related to falsely claiming a cancer diagnosis in order to receive insurance funds, according to police. Sara Ylen, of Lexington, was arraigned in 73rd District Court on Monday, May 6, after a yearlong investigation into her health care claims, said a press release from the Michigan State Police Caro Post."

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### **SBM Blog: Interdisciplinary Nerds On How Supreme Court Justices Decide Cases**

"... The question of how judges decide cases takes on greater seriousness as the debate about the implications of 'dark money' in judicial campaigns intensifies. In Michigan, a soon-to-be-published tome by former Michigan Supreme Court justice Elizabeth Weaver appears poised to add fuel to the flames."

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